



## VFC Shield Alert Follow-Up

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On May 26th, 2021, the Virginia Fusion Center issued an alert for a series of drive-by style shootings that occurred near West Valley, AZ. The below product, produced in collaboration with Hanover County Shield, serves as an alert follow up giving further details on the incident.



### Alert Follow Up - West Valley, AZ Shooting Incident

Date of Incident - June 17th, 2021



#### Summary Statement

On Thursday, June 17th, 2021 a suspect engaged in several drive-by style seemingly random shootings across the West Valley, AZ area leaving one person dead and 12 others injured.

#### Attack Overview

On Thursday, June 17th, 2021 at approximately 11:10am local time, the first of several drive-by style shootings occurred in the area of 103rd and Northern Avenues in Peoria AZ. Peoria police were called to a shooting and found a person in a car that had been shot. That victim and a witness gave officers a description of the suspect vehicle and license plate. Officers began looking for a white Volkswagen Tiguan seen leaving the scene.

As officers were investigating the first shooting, numerous other incidents of shootings were being reported to dispatchers in Peoria Police Department, Surprise Police Department, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety. Police say a total of eight shooting locations have been tied to the suspect. According to police, the entire incident took place over an hour and a half.

After a suspect description was issued to agencies across the Valley, around 12:42 p.m. a Surprise Fire-Medical Department employee found the suspect vehicle in the area of 147th and Grand avenues. The employee called Surprise Police who stopped the vehicle and took the suspect, an adult man, into custody. A weapon was located on scene.

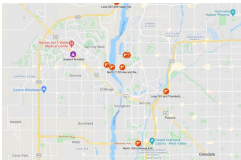
According to Peoria police, four people were shot, one resulting in a fatality. The 9 other victims were injured in the shooting but not physically shot.

#### Shooting Locations

- 103rd Avenue / West Northern Avenue
- Loop 101 / Thunderbird Road
- 109th Avenue / West Union Hills Drive
- 111th Avenue / West Union Hills Drive
- 113th Avenue / West Bell Road
- 118th Avenue / West Bell Road
- 21800 North El Mirage Road
- Loop 303 / Happy Valley Road

#### Suspect

19 year old Ashin Tricarico was charged with 1st-Degree Murder and endangerment. He was also charged with multiple counts of Aggravated Assault and Drive-by Shooting. Police say detectives are still working to determine Tricarico's motive behind the shootings. In an interview with police, Tricarico reportedly admitted to several of the shootings, but not all.



#### Sources

1. [ABC15 - 19-year-old suspect facing multiple charges](#)
2. [AZFamily - Teen arrested after going on a shooting spree in the West Valley](#)
3. [CNN - Police identify suspect in connection with multiple shootings near Phoenix](#)
4. [Fox17 - 1 killed, 3 others shot and 9 more injured in Arizona shooting spree](#)

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